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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
☐ a translation of the international application into _____
 which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
☒ the description:
 pages 1-12 _____ as originally filed/furnished
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☒ the claims:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* 13-18 received by this Authority on 20-11-2005
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☒ the drawings:
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
☐ the claims, Nos. _____
☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-27</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-27</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-27</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention relates to a method and a system for testing a receiver of a wireless messaging device. The primary object of the invention is to reduce the testing time, which is achieved by making the tested device synchronize faster to the test equipment. This is accomplished by sending a test signal containing physical time slots, at least one of which is allocated to the transmission of system information, and to position a synchronization sequence in a time slot allocated to the transmission of system information.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: WO 03075590 A1
D2: EP 1363471 A2
D3: US 5361402 A1
D4: GB 2322043 A

Document D1 is considered to represent the closest prior art. D1 describes a method and a system for testing mobile telephone terminals, in which a tested mobile telephone is connected to the test equipment by cable or RF connection. In order to make the mobile terminal synchronize to the test equipment, the test equipment transmits a signal comprising system information to the mobile terminal, using a Broadcast Control Channel. According to the document, elements constituting the BCCH are the Frequency Control Channel (FCCH), the Synchronization Channel (SCH) and System Information Message.

The invention according to the amended claim 1 differs from the method in D1 by generating, in a production stage of the wireless messaging device,...

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Supplemental Box

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..a test signal comprising physical time slots, at least one of which is allocated to the transmission of system information, and that a synchronization sequence is positioned in a time slot allocated for the transmission of system information.

Due to these features, a more rapid synchronization between the messaging device and the test equipment is achieved.

Document D2 describes a method for cell synchronization in which the FCCH and SCH are included in each time slot in a frame of the forward BCCH. The method described aims at reducing the cell selection time by performing a reception power measuring operation and a forward channel demodulation operation simultaneously.

D3 describes a prior-art test device for analyzing transmission parameters in communication channels in a trunked radiosystem.

D4 shows a method for allocating channels in a TDMA system.

D3 and D4 only refer to the general prior-art and have not been used in the examination process.

The invention as claimed in the amended claims therefore differs from the cited prior-art, and therefore has novelty.

A person skilled in the art and aware of the closest prior-art as described in D1 and faced with the problem of developing a method for testing a wireless messaging device, which method achieves a rapid synchronization between a test transmitter and a receiver in the wireless messaging device, would not use the teachings of D2 together with the teachings of D1. The reason for this is the lack of system information that would arise in the system according to D1 due to the incorporation of synchronization sequence in a BCCH frame, as suggested in D2.

The invention as claimed in the amended claims therefore show inventive step.

The invention is also considered to have industrial applicability.

AMENDED CLAIMS 24.10.2005

1. A method for testing a receiver of a wireless messaging device of a mobile communication system, comprising

generating (604), in a production stage of the wireless messaging device, a test signal which contains physical time-slots, at least one of which is allocated for transmission of system information from a base transceiver station of the mobile communication system to the messaging device,

characterized by

positioning (606) a synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system in a time-slot allocated for transmission of system information.

2. A method according to claim 1, **characterized by** converting (608) the test signal to radio frequency; and transmitting (610) the test signal to the receiver at the radio frequency.

3. A method according to claim 1, **characterized by** positioning (606) a frequency synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system in a time-slot allocated for transmission of system information;

identifying (720) the frequency synchronization sequence from the test signal; and

frequency-synchronizing (722) the receiver by means of the frequency synchronization sequence.

4. A method according to claim 1, **characterized by** positioning (606) a time synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system in a time-slot allocated for transmission of system information;

identifying (726) the time synchronization sequence from the test signal; and

time-synchronizing (728) the receiver by means of the time synchronization sequence.

5. A method according to claim 1, **characterized by** positioning (606) a frequency synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system in the first time-slot allocated for transmission of system information; and

positioning (606) a time synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system in the second time-slot allocated for transmission of system information in such a way that the interval between the front edge of the first time-slot and the front edge of the second time-slot is 8 time-slots.

6. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** by generating (604) a test signal containing a 51-frame multi-frame, which has a plurality of time-slots allocated for transmission of system information; and

positioning (606) synchronization sequences supported by the mobile communication system in time-slots allocated for transmission of system information in such a way that the synchronization sequence is repeated at least 11 times in the 51-frame multi-frame.

7. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** by positioning (702) a test sequence in the test signal;

receiving (704) the test signal;

identifying (706) the test sequence from the test signal;

generating (708) a variable characterizing the receiver by means of the test sequence;

transmitting (710) a signal containing the receiver-characterizing variable from the wireless messaging device; and

receiving (712) the signal containing the receiver-characterizing variable from the wireless messaging device.

8. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** by positioning (606) a synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system in a time-slot allocated for transmission of system information, which synchronization sequence contains at least one of the following: the training sequence code of a synchronization channel (SCH) according to the GSM standard; bits of a frequency correction channel (FCCH) according to the GSM standard.

9. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** by transmitting (610) the test signal to the receiver via an antenna connection of the receiver.

10. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** by loading (602) to the wireless messaging device a computer program which executes a computer process comprising the steps of:

receiving the test signal as input;

identifying the synchronization sequence from the test signal; and
synchronizing the receiver by means of the synchronization
sequence.

11. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** by
identifying (612) the synchronization sequence from the test signal; and
synchronizing (614) the receiver by means of the synchronization
sequence.

12. A system for testing a receiver of a wireless messaging device
of a mobile communication system, comprising

a test-signal generator (102) for generating a test signal (106) in a
production stage of the wireless messaging device, which test signal (106)
contains physical time-slots (4A to 4J), at least one of which time-slots (4A, 4J)
is allocated for transmission of system information from a base transceiver
station of the mobile communication system to the messaging device (112),
characterized in that

the test-signal generator (102) is configured to position a
synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system in a
time-slot (4A, 4J) allocated for the transmission of system information.

13. A system according to claim 12, **characterized** in that
the system further comprises:

conversion means (104) connected to the test-signal generator
(102) for converting the test signal (106) to radio frequency; and

transmission means (110) connected to conversion means (104) for
transmitting the test signal (106) to the receiver at the radio frequency.

14. A system according to claim 13, **characterized** in that
the transmission means (110) are connected to an antenna connector of the
wireless messaging device.

15. A system according to claim 12, **characterized** in that
the test-signal generator (102) is configured to position one of the following in a
time-slot (4A, 4J) allocated for transmission of system information: a time
synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system, a
frequency synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication
system.

16. A system according to claim 12, **characterized** in that
the test-signal generator (102) is configured to position a frequency

synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system in the first time-slot (4A) allocated for transmission of system information; and

that the test-signal generator (102) is configured to position a time synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system in the second time-slot (4J) allocated for transmission of system information in such a way that the interval between the front edge of the first time-slot and the front edge of the second time-slot is 8 time-slots.

17. A system according to claim 12, **characterized** in that the test-signal generator (102) is configured to generate a test signal (106) containing a 51-frame multi-frame (500), which has a plurality of time-slots (5C, 5D) allocated for transmission of system information; and

the test-signal generator (102) is configured to position synchronization sequences supported by the mobile communication system in time-slots (5C, 5D) allocated for transmission of system information in such a way that the synchronization sequence is repeated at least 11 times in the 51-frame multi-frame.

18. A system according to claim 12, **characterized** in that the test-signal generator (102) is configured to position in the test signal (106) a test sequence, of which the receiver generates a variable characterizing the receiver.

19. A system according to claim 12, **characterized** in that the test-generator (102) is configured to position a synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system in a time-slot (4A, 4J) allocated for transmission of system information, which synchronization sequence contains at least one of the following: the training sequence code of a synchronization channel (SCH) according to the GSM standard; bits of a frequency correction channel (FCCH) according to the GSM standard.

20. A system according to claim 12, **characterized** in that the system further comprises a connection unit (134) for receiving from the wireless messaging device a signal (126) that contains a variable characterizing the receiver.

21. A system according to claim 12, **characterized** in that the system comprises a loading unit (144) for loading a computer program to the wireless messaging device, which computer program executes a computer process comprising the steps of:

receiving the test signal as input;

identifying the synchronization sequence from the test signal; and
synchronizing the receiver by means of the synchronization
sequence.

22. A computer program for executing a computer process for
testing a receiver of a wireless messaging device of a mobile communication
system, the computer process being **characterized** in that it comprises
the steps of:

receiving (610B), in a production stage of the wireless messaging
device, as input a test signal containing physical time-slots, at least one of
which is allocated for transmission of system information from a base
transceiver station of the mobile communication system to the messaging
device, a synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication
system being positioned in this time-slot;

identifying (612) the synchronization sequence from the test signal;
and

synchronizing (614) the receiver by means of the synchronization
sequence.

23. A computer program according to claim 22,
characterized in that the computer process comprises:

receiving (718) the test signal as input, a frequency synchronization
sequence being positioned in at least one of its time-slots allocated for
transmission of system information;

identifying (720) the frequency synchronization sequence from the
test signal; and

frequency-synchronizing (722) the receiver by means of the
frequency synchronization sequence.

24. A computer program according to claim 22,
characterized in that the computer process comprises the steps of:

receiving (724) the test signal as input, a time synchronization
sequence being positioned in at least one of its time-slots allocated for
transmission of system information;

identifying (726) the time synchronization sequence from the test
signal; and

time-synchronizing (728) the receiver by means of the time-
synchronization sequence.

25. A computer program according to claim 22, **characterized** in that the computer process comprises:

receiving (610B) as input a test signal which contains a 51-frame multi-frame with a plurality of time-slots allocated for transmission of system information, synchronization sequences supported by the mobile communication system being positioned in time-slots in such a way that repetition of the synchronization sequence in the 51-frame multi-frame is at least one of the following: 7 times, 11 times; and

synchronizing (614) the receiver by means of the synchronization sequences.

26. A computer program according to claim 22, **characterized** in that the computer process comprises:

receiving (704) as input the test signal that contains a test sequence;

identifying (706) the test sequence from the test signal;

generating (909) a variable characterizing the receiver by means of the test sequence; and

outputting (710) the signal containing the receiver-characterizing variable to an external bus of the wireless messaging device.

27. A computer program according to claim 22, **characterized** in that the computer process comprises receiving (610B) as input the test signal that contains physical time-slots, at least one of which time-slots is allocated for transmission of system information from the base transceiver station to the messaging device, and in which time-slot a synchronization sequence supported by the mobile communication system is positioned, the synchronization sequence comprising at least one of the following: the training sequence code of a synchronization channel (SCH) according to the GSM standard; bits of a frequency correction channel (FCCH) according to the GSM standard.